

## **Wilton Board of Education Meeting (Thursday, December 14, 2023)**

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*Present:*

**BOE:** Ruth DeLuca, Nicola Davies, Pam Ely, Heather Priest, Patrick Pearson, Lori Bufano

**WPS Administration:** Kevin Smith, Charles Smith, Andrea Leonardi, Maria Coleman, Dawn Norton, Bob O'Donnell, Brian Keating, Jory Higgins, Kathy Coon

Invited Guest: Caroline Mandler - Wilton Library

### A. Opening of Meeting

#### 1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

#### 2. Review and Approve Agenda

- Pam Ely motioned to approve the agenda, Lori Bufano second. Motion carried 6-0.

### B. Comments from the Public

- None

### C. Consent Agenda

#### 1. Minutes: Board of Education Meeting November 30, 2023

- Motion to approve Nicola Davies, second Pam Ely. Motion carried, 3-0-3

#### 2. Minutes: Board of Education Retreat December 5, 2023

- Motion to approve Lori Bufano, second Patric Pearson. Motion carried, 6-0.

#### 3. Board Question Document

- Motion to accept the BOE question document, Nicola Davies, second, Lori Bufano. Motion carried 6-0.

### D. Reports and Recognition

1. Board Chair's Report - Mrs. DeLuca welcomed the new board members, congratulated the Wilton football team regardless of the outcome. Mrs. DeLuca also thanked Dr. Smith for his letter to the community.

2. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Smith also welcomed the new board members and took a minute to acknowledge the madrigals who performed at the Kiwanis luncheon once again this year. Dr. Smith shared some dates of musical performances throughout the district and on a somber note remembered the families and community of Sandy Hook.

3. Committee Reports - no reports

4. Financial Report - Mrs. Norton shared the November financials noting that they continue to watch the Special Ed tuition line and also unbudgeted costs such as the emergency repairs.

### E. Review and Discuss

#### 1. Review and Discuss: Wilton Reads

- Caroline Mandler shared the Wilton Reads Book "The Great Divide," a book set during the Panama Canal's construction.

#### 2. Review and Discuss: Reading Program Waiver Update

- Dr. Charles Smith along with Karen Brenneke shared information regarding the Reading Program Waiver.

#### 3. Review and Discuss: Pay to Participate

- Dr. Kevin Smith re-shared the Pay to Participate document with the new board members (document attached to the agenda).

#### 4. Review and Discuss: Budget Goals and Assumptions

- Dr. Kevin Smith re-shared the Budget Assumptions and Goals document with the new board members.

#### 5. Review and Discuss: WPS District Calendars - 2024-25 and 2025-26

- Dr. Kevin Smith explained there have been additional early release days proposed to allow for professional learning.

#### 6. Review and Discuss: Legislative Concerns Update

- Dr. Kevin Smith shared some of the Legislative concerns (document attached to the agenda).

### F. Possible Action Items

#### 1. Discuss and Approve: Cost of Remediation - moisture at Middlebrook and Cider Mill schools

- Pam Ely motioned to approve requesting a supplemental appropriation from the Board of Finance for the Cost of Remediation at Middlebrook and Cider Mill School, Patrick Pearson second. Motion carried 6-0.

### G. Future Business and Information Items

#### 1. Enrollment Report

#### 2. Board of Education Meeting: January 11, 2024 Superintendent's Budget Presentation

3. Budget Workshops: January 23-25, 2024
4. Board of Education Meeting: January 25, 2024
5. Board of Education Meeting: February 1, 2024 BOE /BOF Joint Meeting

H. Comments from the Public

- None

I. Adjourn

1. Adjourn Meeting

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.